

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

T.S. Forest Conservation Act – Diversion **4.772 Ha** of forest land in Chennur RF of Mancherial District for widening and strengthening from Km 180/6 to Km 223/0 of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur Section of NH-63 (old NH-16) with two lane paved shoulder in favour of Regional Officer, GoI, MoRTH, Hyderabad. – Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 72

Dated: 20-07-2023

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd, Ref.No.7195/2018/FCA-2, Dated:29.04.2021.
2. Govt. Lr.No.1746/For.I (1)/2021, dt.07.06.2021.
3. From the Regional Office (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad,F.No.4-TSB183/2021-HYD/121, dt.09.08.2021 received on 20.08.2021.
4. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. Ref.No.7195/2017-FCA1, Dated:31.05.2022.
5. Govt Lr.No.1746/For.I(1)/2021, dt:17.06.2022.
6. The Deputy Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB183/2021/HYD/341, Dt:08.05.2023.
7. From the PCCF(HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, Ref.No.FC2/FC09/15/2022(7195/2017), Dated:28.05.2023.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion **4.772 Ha** of forest land in Chennur RF of Mancherial District for widening and strengthening from Km 180/6 to Km 223/0 of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur Section of NH-63 (old NH-16) with two lane paved shoulder in favour of Regional Officer, GoI, MoRTH, Hyderabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, IRO, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion **4.772 Ha** of forest land in Chennur RF of Mancherial District for widening and strengthening from Km 180/6 to Km 223/0 of Nizamabad to Jagadalpur Section of NH-63 (old NH-16) with two lane paved shoulder in

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favour of Regional Officer, GoI, MoRTH, Hyderabad, under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount already realized from the User Agency. The user agency shall not start work prior to the completion of the demarcation of the diverted land.
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation in the identified degraded forest area over an extent of 5.50 ha in Compartment No.251 of Chintapalli Beat, Chennur Section & Range and over an extent of 4.05 ha in Compartment No.312 of Bheemaram Beat and Section of Mancherla Range from the amount already been realized from the User Agency.
- iv. Degraded forest land identified for CA purposes and the CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- vi. As the existing road is fragmenting the forest landscape, suitable Animal Passage as per the MoEF&CC / WII guidelines shall be constructed at the cost of the User Agency to ensure seamless movement of wild animals. Chain link fence shall be erected up to 500 m length on either side of the animal passage to guide the animals into the passage.
- vii. The user agency shall camouflage the animal passage suitably in consultation with the DFO.
- viii. Animal crossing signage and speed regulating signage shall be erected along the road at regular intervals.
- ix. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- x. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.
- xi. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of EPA, 1986, if applicable.
- xii. Kindling of any fire in the forest shall not be allowed and work of up gradation shall be done between 7.00 AM to 5.00 PM only.
- xiii. The wildlife mitigation plan proposed for protection and habitat improvement measures for Tigers and other wildlife shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.
- xiv. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, in consultation with the DFO concerned, at the project cost;

- xv. Construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams / rivers / canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- xvi. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided in consultation with the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
- xvii. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- xviii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xix. Whenever feasible, translocation of trees shall be carried out by the forest department at the cost of the User Agency.
- xx. The proposal is for realignment of the existing road, hence after the new alignment is completed, the blacktopped portion (BT) of the old alignment in the forest land shall be removed by the UA and the SFD shall plant native forestry tree species on the old road portion at the cost of the User Agency;
- xxi. No labour camp shall be established in the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling.
- xxii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material for execution of the project work.
- xxiii. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- xxiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.772 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- xxv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- xxvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied with by the User Agency;
- xxviii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the Ministry's guidelines.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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